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Large Print

PR 6005 .H66 L67 2012

Lord Edgware dies : a Hercule Poirot mystery / Agatha Christie. (1933)

Poirot had been present when Jane bragged of her plan to 'get rid of' her estranged husband. Now the monstrous man was dead. And yet the great Belgian detective couldn't help feeling that he was being taken for a ride. After all, how could Jane have stabbed Lord Edgware to death in his library at exactly the same time she was seen dining with friends? And what could be her motive now that the aristocrat had finally granted her a divorce?

PR 6005 .H66 O74 2012

Ordeal by innocence / Agatha Christie. (1959)

Recovering from amnesia, Dr. Arthur Calgary discovers that he alone could have provided an alibi in a scandalous murder trial. It ended in the conviction of Jacko Argyle. The victim was Jacko's own adoptive mother, and to make matters worse, he died in prison. But the young man's innocence means that someone else killed the Argyle matriarch, and would certainly kill again to remain in the shadows.

PR 6052 .A465 O546 2015

Only a kiss / Mary Balogh. The Survivor's Club, book 6.

Since witnessing the death of her husband during the wars, Imogen, Lady Barclay, has secluded herself in the confines of Hardford Hall, their home in Cornwall. The new owner has failed to take up his inheritance, and Imogen desperately hopes he will never come to disturb her fragile peace. Percival Hayes, Earl of Hardford, has no interest in the wilds of Cornwall, but when he impulsively decides to pay a visit to his estate there, he is shocked to discover that it is not the ruined heap he had expected. He is equally shocked to find the beautiful widow of his predecessor's son living there. Soon Imogen awakens in Percy a passion he has never thought himself capable of feeling. But can he save her from her misery and reawaken her soul? And what will it mean for him if he succeeds?

PR 6102 .A336 A86 2015

An appetite for violets / Martine Bailey.

Irrepressible Biddy Leigh, under-cook at the foreboding Mawton Hall, only wants to marry her childhood sweetheart and set up her own tavern. But when her elderly master marries the young Lady Carinna, Biddy is unwittingly swept up in a world of scheming, secrets, and lies. Forced to accompany her new mistress to Italy, she documents her adventures and culinary discoveries in an old household book of recipes. And when Biddy becomes embroiled in a murderous conspiracy, the secrets she holds could be the key to a better life or to her downfall.

PR 6102 .O49 L58 2015

Little black lies / Sharon Bolton.

In such a small community as the Falkland Islands, a missing child is unheard of. In such a dangerous landscape it can only be a terrible tragedy, surely. But another child goes missing, and then a third, it's no longer possible to believe that their deaths were accidental, and the villagers must admit that there is a murderer among them. Even Catrin Quinn, a damaged woman living a reclusive life after the accidental deaths of her own two sons a few years ago, gets involved in the searches and the speculation. And suddenly, in this wild and beautiful place that generations have called home, no one feels safe and the hysteria begins to rise. But three islanders -- Catrin, her childhood best friend, Rachel, and her ex-lover Callum -- are hiding terrible secrets. And they have two things in common: all three of them are grieving, and none of them trust anyone, not even themselves.

PR 6102 .R6914 P47 2015

The perfume garden / Kate Lord Brown.

High in the hills of Valencia, a forgotten house guards its secrets. Untouched since Franco's forces tore through Spain in 1936, the whitewashed walls have crumbled, and the garden, laden with orange blossom, grows wild. Emma Temple is the first to unlock its doors in seventy years. Emma is London's leading perfumier, but her blessed life has taken a difficult turn. Emma's free-spirited mother, Liberty, who taught her the art of fragrance making, has just passed away. At the same time, Emma has separated from her long-time lover and business partner, Joe, whose baby she happens to be carrying. While Joe is in New York trying to sell his majority share in their company, Emma, guided by a series of letters and a key bequeathed to her in Liberty's will, decides to leave her job and travel to Valencia, to the house her mother mysteriously purchased just before her death. Emma makes it her mission to restore the place to its former glory. But for her aging grandmother, Freya, a British nurse who stayed in Valencia during Spain's devastating civil war, Emma's new home evokes memories of a terrible secret, a part of her family's past that until now has managed to stay hidden. With two beautifully interwoven narratives and a lush, atmospheric setting, *The Perfume Garden* is a dramatic, emotional debut that readers won't soon forget.

PR 6107 .R426 H37 2015

The Harvest Man / Alex Grecian. Scotland Yard Murder Squad, book 4.

For Inspector Walter Day, it has been a difficult time. His wife has given birth to twins, his hostile in-laws have come to stay, and a leg injury has kept him at his desk. But when the Harvest Man begins killing, carving people's faces off their skulls, the Yard knows they need Day in the field. Not so Sergeant Nevil Hammersmith. Rash actions have cost him his job, but that doesn't stop his obsessive hunt for the Ripper. When the mutilated bodies of prostitutes start turning up again, Hammersmith enlists the help of a criminal network to stop Saucy Jack, his methods carrying him further and further from the ideals of the Yard, so far in fact that he may never be able to find his way back. Of course, the Ripper has been playing a game with him, and with Walter Day, as well. He is pushing both of them to their limits, and what happens when they get there... no one can say.

PR 6119 .A436 B87 2015

Burnt river / Karin Salvalaggio. Macy Greeley, book 2.

When Detective Macy Greeley is called to Wilmington Creek, a sleepy ranching community in northern Montana, she expects an open-and-shut, if high-profile, murder case. What greets her is anything but. John Dalton, a soldier returned home from serving in Afghanistan, has been shot dead in the alleyway of a local bar. Macy can't see any obvious motive for the attack, but John's closest friends and his twin sister, Jessie, have been keeping secrets. With a series of wildfires pushing the area's resources to the limit and Darby Lake's water level dropping to a record low, Jessie is becoming increasingly anxious about what may be uncovered if the rains don't return to the valley soon. Haunted by what's hidden beneath the still waters, she doesn't know whether to help or hinder Macy's investigation. And Macy herself is increasingly uneasy about what she discovers as she navigates the politics of a small town and the Dalton family clan, as well as her own complicated relationship with the father of her young son.

PS 3505 .O5697 R53 2015

Riders of Deseret / Dane Coolidge. (1925)

Lieutenant Zachary Tarrant is cashiered out of the U.S. Army for his involvement with Tamar Young, the daughter of Mormon leader Brigham Young. Tarrant was unaware that Tamar is actually the third wife of Hyrum Paine, secretary to Brigham Young. His one hope for reinstatement is to accept an assignment as a government spy, to go to the Mormon city of Moroni and gather evidence on Bishop Lot Drake who, thirty years before, was responsible for the massacre of 120 Gentile emigrants at Mountain Meadows. At Moroni, Tarrant finds Drake but also Ammon Clark, captain of the Avenging Angels, a grim militia organized for the purpose of protecting the lives and property of Mormons from any threat.

PS 3515 .O745 M357 2015

A man called Dane / Robert J. Horton. (1923)

Rancher Gordon Hughes of the Diamond H first became aware of the stranger when he was sitting atop a ridge, making a silent count of the herd Hughes and his son Fred were pushing along. To the rancher's surprise, the stranger's count, despite the distance, is quite accurate. The stranger calls himself Dane and is evasive about his past, yet sufficiently impresses Hughes that he invites him to his home for dinner. Esther Hughes, Gordon's daughter just back from four years of schooling in the East, disapproves of Dane, thinking he is a gunfighter. Hughes offers Dane a job as a range rider, keeping his eyes open and learning what he can. Hughes is in the midst of a land boundary dispute with Oscar Williams' Flying W, whose foreman is a trigger-happy bully. There's also been some rustling and a long drought and, as a result, the Diamond H is in debt to a local bank. The situation comes to a crisis when Gordon Hughes and Oscar Williams meet face to face on the disputed land. Hughes is wounded, and Williams is shot in the back. Dane, who disappeared at the time, is accused of being the assailant.

PS 3529 .V33 P76 2015

Proud journey / Wayne D. Overholser. (1963)

"You were born into a cruel world, David, and there are times when you have to be tough to journey through it, but be sure of one thing. Be proud of your journey. Don't live in a way that will make you ashamed of it later." Dave Rand often thought on these words spoken by his mother after they'd heard his father had been killed in the Civil War. A few years later his mother and step-father were murdered and Dave left Colorado. A little over a decade later, government agent Dave Rand returns to Colorado, still heeding his mother's words. The Milk Creek Massacre has left a legacy of hatred that lies like tinder around the Territory. Any spark will set off a firestorm of vengeance. Dave knows it will be impossible to put out the fire once it gets started. Caught between land-hungry settlers and war-hungry Utes, Rand's only hope is to tell the truth -- even if it could cost him his life. This world may be cruel, but at least he can be proud of the way he journeys through it.

PS 3535 .A385 B57 2015

The black Tolts / William MacLeod Raine. (1932)

Dave Tolt was the youngest of the Tolt Brothers, a fierce clan of outlaws with jet black hair whose daring holdups surpassed even those of the James gang. Dave was only nineteen when he robbed the westbound Flyer -- but from that day on his fate was sealed. Now he was one of the Tolts, his name on every wanted poster in the territory. From Kansas to Texas he rode the outlaw trail, pursued by angry posses, an outcast to the woman he loved, an enemy to the one friend who could save him. The Tolts had made history holding up two trains at once. Now they were planning their greatest raid. They would hold up two banks at the same time. The Tolts rode into Burke city -- toward a gun-blazing battle that would become a legend in the West.

PS 3553 .O47445 R64 2015

Robert B. Parker's the Devil wins / Reed Farrel Coleman. Jesse Stone, book 14.

In the wake of a huge storm, three bodies are discovered in the rubble of an abandoned factory building in an industrial part of Paradise known as The Swap. One body, a man's, wrapped in a blue tarp, is only hours old. But found within feet of that body are the skeletal remains of two teenage girls who had gone missing during a Fourth of July celebration twenty-five years earlier. Not only does that crime predate Jesse Stone's arrival in Paradise, but the dead girls were close friends of Jesse's right hand, Officer Molly Crane. And things become even more complicated when one of the dead girls' mothers returns to Paradise to bury her daughter and is promptly murdered. It's up to Police Chief Jesse Stone to pull away the veil of the past to see how all the murders are connected.

PS 3556 .A3654 D48 2015

Devil's bridge / Linda Fairstein. Alexandra Cooper, book 17.

The Manhattan waterfront is one of New York City's most magnificent vistas, boasting both the majestic Statue of Liberty and the George Washington Bridge, the world's busiest span for motor vehicles. But Detective Mike Chapman will discover the peril that lurks along this seemingly benign expanse as he takes on his most personal case yet: the disappearance of Alex Cooper. Coop's sudden disappearance is fraught with terrifying complications:

scores of enemies she has made after a decade of putting criminals behind bars; a recent security breach with dangerous repercussions; and a new intimacy in her relationship with Mike, causing the Police Commissioner himself to be wary of the methods Mike will use to get Coop back.

PS 3557 .R198 F674 2015

The forgotten / Heather Graham. Krewe of Hunters, book 16.

A woman named Maria Gomez is murdered in Miami, apparently by her husband -- who'd been presumed dead, slain by a crime boss. FBI agent Brett Cody can't believe it. Dead or alive, the man had loved his wife. Brett also can't help feeling guilty, since he was responsible for protecting Miguel and Maria Gomez. A few miles away, Lara Mayhew has just begun working at a dolphin research facility. She loves her new job -- until a dolphin brings her something unexpected from the deep: a human hand. More body parts show up, and when Brett looks into the situation, he discovers that the dismembered corpse is Miguel's. Soon, rumors of crazed zombies abound in the Miami media, and the Krewe of Hunters, an elite FBI unit of paranormal investigators, is called in. Brett and Lara find themselves working with the Krewe -- and working closely together. An elderly crime boss who's losing his memory seems to be key to solving this case, but there's no motive. Unless Brett and Lara can uncover one in the Miami underworld. And that means they have to protect themselves. And each other.

PS 3561 .L456 B76 2015

Brown-eyed girl / Lisa Kleypas. Travis Family, book 4.

Wedding planner Avery Crosslin may be a rising star in Houston society, but she doesn't believe in love -- at least not for herself. When she meets wealthy bachelor Joe Travis and mistakes him for a wedding photographer, she has no intention of letting him sweep her off her feet. But Joe is a man who goes after what he wants, and Avery can't resist the temptation of a sexy southern charmer and a hot summer evening. After a one night stand, however, Avery is determined to keep it from happening again. A man like Joe can only mean trouble for a woman like her, and she can't afford distractions. She's been hired to plan the wedding of the year -- a make-or-break event. But complications start piling up fast, putting the wedding in jeopardy, especially when shocking secrets of the bride come to light. And as Joe makes it clear that he's not going to give up easily, Avery is forced to confront the insecurities and beliefs that stem from a past she would do anything to forget. The situation reaches a breaking point, and Avery faces the toughest choice of her life. Only by putting her career on the line and risking everything -- including her well-guarded heart -- will she find out what matters most.

PS 3564 .E2628 K44 2015

Keeper's Reach / Carla Neggers. Sharpe & Donovan, book 5.

Emma Sharpe and Colin Donovan, two of the FBI's most valuable agents, are preparing for their next big assignment -- their wedding -- when Colin's brother Mike alerts them that onetime friends from his military past are on Sharpe and Donovan home turf on the Maine coast. Now private security contractors, they want to meet with Mike. One of them, an FBI agent named Kavanagh, is supposed to be on leave. What is he investigating -- or does he have his own agenda? Mike zeroes in on Naomi MacBride, a freelance civilian intelligence analyst who, aside from a few hot nights, has never brought him anything but trouble. Newly returned from England, Naomi clearly isn't telling Mike everything about why she's snooping around his hometown, but he has no choice but to work with her if he wants to uncover what's really going on. But the case soon takes a drastic turn -- Emma is targeted, and a connection surfaces between Naomi and Kavanagh and a recently solved international art theft case. Not every connection is a conspiracy, but as the tangled web of secrets unravels, Emma and Colin face their greatest danger yet. With everyone they know involved, they must decide who they can trust... or lose everything for good.

PS 3570 .A52 T74 2015

Trap / Robert K. Tanenbaum. Butch Karp, book 27.

When a tremendous blast rocks an old school building in East Harlem during a meeting of the New York Charter Schools, killing six and wounding a dozen others, it's initially blamed on a natural gas explosion. However, as Butch Karp digs a little deeper, he discovers the explosion was the work of a mysterious serial arsonist in the employ of the teacher's union president, who is angry at the unqualified successes of the charter school movement in New

York City and worried for the corrupt public school system. Also involved in the planning and cover-up is a major law enforcement player and a political hack who panders to the union for financial support and gets caught up in the homicidal scheme. At least that's the conclusion Butch Karp is operating under when he indicts the pair for murder. But is it a trap? Is there another motive behind the attack that could derail the case? How will Karp discover it and can he do so in time to bring justice to the murdered and maimed?

PS 3573 .I53165 S43 2015

The sea keeper's daughters / Lisa Wingate. Carolina heirlooms, book 3.

Restaurant owner Whitney Monroe is desperate to save her business from a hostile takeover. The inheritance of a decaying Gilded Age hotel on North Carolina's Outer Banks may provide just the ray of hope she needs. But things at The Excelsior are more complicated than they seem. Whitney's estranged stepfather is entrenched on the third floor, and the downstairs tenants are determined to save the historic building. Searching through years of stored family heirlooms may be Whitney's only hope of quick cash, but will the discovery of an old necklace and a Depression-era love story change everything.

PS 3603 .H35558 P76 2015

The promise of home / Darcie Chan. Mill River, book 3.

Mill River cop Kyle Hansen and teacher Claudia Simon are excitedly planning their wedding. When they learn that a new bed and breakfast is set to open in the old McAllister mansion, they hope the gifted Emily DiSanti will quickly restore it to its grand beauty. While refinishing the hardwood floors, Emily discovers a secret compartment and a mysterious briefcase. Inside, she finds years of correspondence between the reclusive Mary McAllister and her close friend -- the town priest Father O'Brien's late mother, Anna O'Brien. Through the letters, Emily learns about the surprising relationship between Mary and Anna and a secret that will change everything for Father O'Brien. Karen Cooper lives in town with her eight year old son, Nick. Her husband took a job as a government contractor in Afghanistan, and has been missing for a year. As Karen struggles with depression and Nick begins to have trouble at school, Father O'Brien is enlisted to offer his guidance, particularly for Nick, whose situation feels all too familiar.

PS 3603 .O544 N69 2015

Now & forever / Mary Connealy. Wild at heart, book 2.

Matthew Tucker survives a grizzly attack by jumping over a cliff into a rushing river. Unexpectedly, Shannon Wilde takes the plunge with him. Going through a series of waterfalls and rapids turns into a bonding experience. By the time they battle their way back to civilization, Shannon has been thoroughly compromised, and only a wedding will do. A mountain man who loves to wander in the wilderness far from other people finds himself hitched to a young woman with a passel of relatives, a homestead, and a flock of sheep to care for. As they learn to live with each other, strange things begin to happen on Shannon's land. Someone evil clearly wants to drive them off, but whoever it is apparently didn't count on Tucker. Trying to scare Matthew Tucker just makes him mad -- and trying to hurt the woman he's falling in love with sets off something even Matthew never expected.

PS 3604 .E4544 T6 2015

To capture her heart / Rebecca DeMarino. Southold chronicles, book 2.

It is 1653 and Heather Flower, a princess of the Montauk tribe, is enjoying her wedding feast when her groom is killed and she is kidnapped by a rival tribe and held for ransom. Though her ransom is paid by an Englishman, she is nonetheless left to die in a Connecticut forest -- until she finds herself rescued by handsome Dutch Lieutenant Dirk Van Buren. Torn between her affection for Dirk and her long friendship with family friend Benjamin Horton, Heather Flower must make a difficult choice -- stay true to her friend or follow her heart. Rebecca DeMarino transports readers to the wild land that would eventually become Long Island, New York.

PS 3605 .A79 N63 2015

No place to hide / Lynette Eason. Hidden identity, book 3.

It's not every day you see your childhood friend and one-time crush on national news, but Jackie Sellers wishes it were under different circumstances. She can't believe that Ian Lockwood is wanted in connection with a terrorist

plot, and she's determined to find him and help clear his name. But she's not the only one looking. The FBI wants him captured. The bad guys want him dead. Ian just wants to stay alive long enough to save thousands of innocent lives.

PS 3608 .A7886 E94 2015

The evidence room / Cameron Harvey.

Everyone in Cooper's Bayou knows the story of Raylene Atchison, the local woman who was murdered on the banks of the bayou, and her daughter, Aurora, who was found on the steps of the mini-mart, alone. But when Aurora, who was raised far away from Cooper's Bayou, returns to Florida to settle her grandfather's estate, she learns that the suspect in her mother's murder was wrongly accused. Aurora meets Josh Hudson, a cop who has been put on administrative leave in the at the Evidence Room, a warehouse of dusty and forgotten items that could hold the key for solving Raylene's murder. Together, Josh and Aurora delve into the past and find that that the answers they are seeking lie just below the surface of the bayou they thought they knew.

PS 3608 .A866 H69 2015

How to catch a prince / Rachel Hauck. Royal wedding series, book 3.

Corina Del Rey is happy with her life in Melbourne, Florida. She spends her days engrossed in her career as a journalist and has her sights set on climbing the corporate ladder -- if for no other reason than to distract herself from her dissolving family. But when she is confronted with the past she fought so hard to put behind her, she struggles to make sense of her future. Prince Stephen of Brighton Kingdom has moved on since the tragic death of his buddies in Afghanistan. A star professional rugby player, he has no intention of looking over his shoulder at what could've been. But when a notice arrives in the mail requiring his and his wife's appearance before the courts to dissolve their marriage, he must deal with the questions rumbling around in his heart. He thought his marriage had been annulled long ago, but his memories of Corina Del Rey remain close. Does he still love her? Can he even find her? Above all, can he tell her the truth about that fateful night in Afghanistan seven years ago? If he does, he might really lose her forever.

PS 3608 .E333 H43 2015

Hearts made whole / Jody Hedlund. Beacons of hope, book 2.

After her father's death, Caroline Taylor has grown confident running the Windmill Point Lighthouse. But in 1865 Michigan, women aren't supposed to have such roles, so it's only a matter of time before the lighthouse inspector appoints a new keeper -- even though Caroline has nowhere else to go and no other job available to her. Ryan Chambers is a Civil War veteran still haunted by the horrors of battle. He's been given the post as lighthouse keeper, and the isolation where he can drown in drink and hide from his past is appealing. He's not expecting the current keeper to be a feisty and beautiful woman who's none-too-pleased to be giving up her position. They both quickly realize he's in no shape to run the lighthouse, but Ryan's unwilling to let anyone close, ravaged by memories and guilt. Caroline is drawn to this wounded soul, but with both of them relying on that single position, can they look past their loss to a future filled with hope... and possibly love?

PS 3613 .C3858 P68 2015

The potter's lady / Judith Miller. Refined by love, book 2.

When Rose McKay convinces her brother, Ewan, to invest in a pottery business, she's determined to assist him in making the venture a success. Having just graduated from the Philadelphia School of Design for Women, she believes she can design pieces that will sell well. In her efforts to help the pottery flourish, Rose reconnects with Joshua Harkness, who oversees his own family's pottery works in a nearby town. Rylan Campbell has never liked change, but the new owners of the pottery seem to be the decent sort. He just wishes Rose wouldn't insist on cleaning and moving everything. But when McKay Pottery starts losing business to the Harkness company, Rylan realizes Joshua might be taking advantage of Rose. Then Franklin Hotels announces a design contest. Winning the Franklin contract would be exactly the boost McKay Pottery needs, so Rose and Rylan work closely together to create something magnificent. With Joshua's company as their main competition, can Rylan convince Rose her trust in Joshua may be misplaced?

PS 3613 .M4355 S64 2015

The sniper and the wolf / Scott McEwen with Thomas Koloniar. Sniper elite, book 3.

Hot on the trail of 'The Wolf,' a rogue Russian military sniper-turned-Chechen-terrorist, Gil Shannon turns from hunter to hunted when his mission is exposed by a traitor high up in U.S. government. Shannon must turn to an unlikely ally -- a deadly Russian special operative -- to help even the odds. But when they discover that 'The Wolf' is just the tip of a global terrorist plot whose goal is to upend the U.S. economy and the stability of the Western world, Shannon and his team of operatives must track the terrorists down before their plan comes to fruition. Shannon comes head-to-head with legions of enemy fighters all across Europe, ending with a faceoff between Gil and the one sniper who may be his equal shot.

PS 3623 .E84 L66 2015

Long road to Cheyenne / Charles G. West.

Cam Sutton is ready to make his name prospecting for gold in the Black Hills. But his quest for riches is interrupted when he happens upon a stagecoach holdup and ends up rescuing Mary Bishop and her two young daughters. Before striking out on his own, Cam decides to help Mary search for her husband, who disappeared while mining. Turns out Mr. Bishop was murdered -- but not before finding enough gold to make Mary a very wealthy woman. Unwilling to leave them unprotected, Cam offers to help escort the ladies on the long journey back to Cheyenne. But with the threat of bandits constantly looming, and a greedy, cold-blooded killer on their trail, the road is even more treacherous than Cam anticipated.

PS 3623 .I55643 T56 2015

Tiny little thing / Beatriz Williams.

In the summer of 1966, Christina Hardcastle -- "Tiny" to her illustrious family -- stands on the brink of a breathtaking future. Of the three Schuyler sisters, she's the one raised to marry a man destined for leadership, and with her elegance and impeccable style, she presents a perfect camera-ready image in the dawning age of television politics. Together she and her husband, Frank, make the ultimate power couple: intelligent, rich, and impossibly attractive. It seems nothing can stop Frank from rising to national office, and he's got his sights set on a senate seat in November. But as the season gets underway at the family estate on Cape Cod, three unwelcome visitors appear in Tiny's perfect life: her volatile sister Pepper, an envelope containing incriminating photograph, and the intimidating figure of Frank's cousin, Vietnam War hero Caspian, who knows more about Tiny's rich inner life than anyone else. As she struggles to maintain the glossy façade on which the Hardcastle family's ambitions are built, Tiny begins to suspect that Frank is hiding a reckless entanglement of his own... one that may unravel both her own ordered life and her husband's promising career.

PS 3623 .I575 O84 2015

The other daughter / Lauren Willig.

Raised in a poor yet genteel household, Rachel Woodley is working in France as a governess when she receives news that her mother has died, suddenly. Grief-stricken, she returns to the small town in England where she was raised to clear out the cottage... and finds a cutting from a London society magazine, with a photograph of her supposedly deceased father dated all of three months before. He's an earl, respected and influential, and he is standing with another daughter -- his legitimate daughter. Which makes Rachel... not legitimate. Everything she thought she knew about herself and her past -- even her very name -- is a lie. Still reeling from the death of her mother, and furious at this betrayal, Rachel sets herself up in London under a new identity. There she insinuates herself into the party-going crowd of Bright Young Things, with a steely determination to unveil her father's perfidy and bring his -- and her half-sister's -- charmed world crashing down. Very soon, however, Rachel faces two unexpected snags: she finds she genuinely likes her half-sister, Olivia, whose situation isn't as simple it appears; and she might just be falling for her sister's fiancé...

PS 3623 .I644 F35 2015

Falling for June / Ryan Winfield.

Elliot Champ, a charming but solitary bachelor who has sworn off romance, is closer than ever to realizing his childhood dream of moving to Miami -- until a chance letter lands on his desk, and changes everything. The letter

takes him to Echo Glen, a secluded retreat outside of Seattle, where he meets David Hadley, an elderly man who needs Elliot's help fulfilling a promise to his wife, June. But along the way, it is Elliot whose life will be changed, as he's introduced to a cast of colorful characters who conspire to draw him ever deeper into a whimsical world, where falling in love is all about letting go.

PS 648 .C43 S86 2015

Summer brides : a year of weddings novella collection / MaryBeth Whalen, Beth Wiseman, and Debra Clopton. June bride Wynne Hardy never thought she'd get engaged on a reality TV show. They're all set to wed on live TV when the man who broke her heart years ago walks back into her life. July bride Alyssa Pennington walked down the aisle to be united with the man of her dreams only to find she'd been left at the altar. Filled with regret, Brendan plans to win her back. August bride Kelsey Wilcox traded her boots for flip-flops after a cowboy broke her heart. But Brent Corbin is determined to change her mind about cowboys.

PT 9877.12 .A32 M5613 2015

My grandmother asked me to tell you she's sorry / Fredrik Backman ; translated from the Swedish by Henning Koch.

Elsa is seven years old and different. Her grandmother is seventy-seven years old and crazy, standing-on-the-balcony-firing-paintball-guns-at-men-who-want-to-talk-about-Jesus-crazy. She is also Elsa's best, and only, friend. At night Elsa takes refuge in her grandmother's stories, in the Land of Almost-Awake and the Kingdom of Miamas where everybody is different and nobody needs to be normal. When Elsa's grandmother dies and leaves behind a series of letters apologizing to people she has wronged, Elsa's greatest adventure begins. Her grandmother's letters lead her to an apartment building full of drunks, monsters, attack dogs, and totally ordinary old crones, but also to the truth about fairytales and kingdoms and a grandmother like no other.

Nonfiction

F 597 .B89 2015b

The Oregon Trail : a new American journey / Rinker Buck.

Spanning 2,000 miles and traversing six states from Missouri to the Pacific Ocean, the Oregon Trail is the route that made America. In the fifteen years before the Civil War, when 400,000 pioneers used it to emigrate West, the trail united the coasts, doubled the size of the country, and laid the groundwork for the railroads. The trail years also solidified the American character: our plucky determination in the face of adversity, our impetuous cycle of financial bubbles and busts, the fractious clash of ethnic populations competing for the same jobs and space. At once an American journey, a work of history, and a personal saga, this book tells the story of Buck's 2,000-mile expedition across the plains. He was accompanied by three cantankerous mules, his boisterous brother, Nick, and an "incurably filthy" Jack Russell terrier named Olive Oyl. Along the way, Buck dodges thunderstorms in Nebraska, chases his runaway mules across miles of Wyoming plains, scouts more than five hundred miles of nearly vanished trail on foot, crosses the Rockies, makes desperate fifty-mile forced marches for water, and repairs so many broken wheels and axels that he nearly reinvents the art of wagon travel itself. Apart from charting his own geographical and emotional adventure, Buck introduces readers to the evangelists, shysters, natives, trailblazers, and everyday dreamers who were among the first of the pioneers to make the journey west.

HV 6692 .K67 J63 2015

Empire of deception : the incredible story of a master swindler who seduced a city and captivated the nation / Dean Jobb.

It was a time of unregulated madness. And nowhere was it madder than in Chicago at the dawn of the Roaring Twenties. As Model Ts rumbled down Michigan Avenue, gang war shootings announced Al Capone's rise to underworld domination. Bedecked partygoers thronged to the Drake Hotel's opulent banquet rooms, corrupt politicians held court in thriving speakeasies, and the frenzy of stock market gambling was rampant. Enter a slick, smooth-talking, charismatic lawyer named Leo Koretz, who enticed hundreds of people (who should have known better) to invest as much as \$30 million -- upwards of \$400 million today -- in phantom timberland and

nonexistent oil wells in Panama. It was an ingenious deceit, one that out-ponzied Charles Ponzi himself, who only a few years earlier had been arrested for a pyramid scheme. Leo had a good run -- his was perhaps the longest fraud in history -- and when his enterprise finally collapsed in 1923, he vanished. The Cook County state's attorney, a man whose lust for power equaled Leo's own lust for money, began an international manhunt that lasted almost a year. When finally apprehended, Leo was living a life of luxury in Nova Scotia under the assumed identity of a book dealer and literary critic. A salacious court hearing followed, and his mysterious death in a Chicago prison rivaled the rest of his almost-too-bizarre-to-believe life. A rip-roaring tale of greed, financial corruption, dirty politics, over-the-top and under-the-radar deceit, illicit sex, and a brilliant and wildly charming con man on the town and then on the lam, *Empire of Deception* has it all. Not only an account of a man and an era; it's a look at the methods of swindlers throughout history. Leo Koretz was the Bernie Madoff of his day, and Dean Jobb shows us that the American dream of easy wealth is timeless.

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Master thieves : the Boston gangsters who pulled off the world's greatest art heist / Stephen Kurkjian.

In a secret meeting in 1981, a low-level Boston thief gave career gangster Ralph Rossetti the tip of a lifetime: the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum was a big score waiting to happen. Though its collections included priceless artworks by Rembrandt, Vermeer, Degas, and others, its security was cheap, mismanaged, and out of date. And now, it seemed, the whole Boston criminal underworld knew it. Nearly a decade passed before the Museum was finally hit. But when it finally happened, the theft quickly became one of the most infamous art heists in history: thirteen works of art valued at up to \$500 million, by some of the most famous artists in the world, were taken. The Boston FBI took control of the investigation, but twenty-five years later the case is still unsolved and the artwork is still missing. Stephen Kurkjian has been working this case for over nearly twenty years. In *Master Thieves*, he sheds new light on some of the Gardner's most abiding mysteries. Why would someone steal these paintings, only to leave them hidden for twenty-five years? And why, if one of the top crime bosses in the city knew about this score in 1981, did the theft happen in 1990? What happened in those intervening years? And what might all this have to do with Boston's notorious gang wars of the 1980s? Kurkjian reveals the identities of those he believes plotted the heist, the motive for the crime, and the details that the FBI has refused to discuss.